



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement offers innovative programs which use hands-on experiences to help young people understand the economics of life by educating and inspiring students to value free enterprise, business and economics in order to improve the quality of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement programs begin at the elementary school level, teaching children how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers, and consumers; and

WHEREAS, these programs continue through the middle school level by assisting students to assess their personal skills and interests, explore career options, learn job-hunting skills, and discover the value of an education; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement programs conclude at the high school level where they supplement a senior high school free enterprise or economics course by encouraging the students to form management teams to learn how to run a successful business and also teach them financial literacy; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers, educators, parents, and contributors of Junior Achievement reach out to more than four million young people each year nationwide, with nearly sixty thousand of those young people from Louisiana alone; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement not only provides a valuable education experience to K-12th grade students, but also to the countless business men and women, educators, and parents who all volunteer their time and skills to teach our young children about the economics of life through free enterprise education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 12, 2004, as

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY

in the state of Louisiana, and encourage all students and parents to become involved in the programs and initiatives offered through Junior Achievement to benefit and develop the leaders of tomorrow.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the May day of 6
A.D., 2004.*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana